

MAINE STATE COURT CASE FILINGS 5 Year Trend

Numbers include original/new filings only; no post-judgment activity

								AC-T1	
								1 year	5 year
								% Change	% Change
								08 - '09	05-'09
	FY'03	FY'04	FY'05	FY'06	FY'07	FY'08	FY'09		
LAW COURT									
Civil	500	532	478	529	539	541	498	-7.9%	4.2%
Criminal	182	156	151	180	181	154	168	9.1%	11.3%
Sentence Review Panel	82	72	54	51	54	60	42	-30.0%	-22.2%
SJC							25		
TOTAL	764	760	683	760	774	755	733	-2.9%	7.3%
SUPERIOR COURT									
Civil	3,315	3,523	3,966	4,208	4,630	4,463	4,189	-6.1%	5.6%
Criminal (a)	12,292	12,018	12,068	14,003	14,660	14,813	14,478	-2.3%	20.0%
TOTAL	15,607	15,541	16,034	18,211	19,290	19,276	18,667	-3.2%	16.4%
DISTRICT COURT									
CIVIL FILINGS:									
General Civil	9,054	8,940	9,234	9,361	11,701	15,149	16,393	8.2%	77.5%
Money Judgments	3,612	3,622	3,441	3,588	3,122	4,142	4,627	11.7%	34.5%
Small Claims	9,826	8,884	9,476	9,166	8,880	8,851	11,392	28.7%	20.2%
Forcible Entry	4,063	4,178	4,316	4,488	4,771	4,947	4,786	-3.3%	10.9%
Administrative	378	252	266	324	463	482	582	20.7%	118.8%
Mental Health	797	771	738	752	893	975	1,008	3.4%	36.6%
Protection From Harassment	5,298	4,699	4,467	4,595	4,622	4,584	4,022	-12.3%	-10.0%
Protection From Abuse	6,505	6,497	6,506	6,317	6,083	6,123	6,130	0.1%	-5.8%
Child Protective	771	687	600	665	693	834	755	-9.5%	25.8%
Divorce	6,899	6,643	6,677	6,820	6,521	6,604	6,712	1.6%	0.5%
Paternity/Parent Rights	1,736	1,808	1,877	1,894	2,100	1,973	2,189	10.9%	16.6%
Other Family Matters	439	449	520	484	473	444	415	-6.5%	-20.2%
Civil Sub Total :	49,378	47,430	48,118	48,454	50,322	55,108	59,011	7.1%	22.6%
JUVENILE FILINGS:	4,594	4,609	4,159	4,481	4,358	3,975	3,504	-11.8%	-15.7%
ADULT CRIMINAL FILINGS:									
Adult Criminal A-E, inc. Crim. Traf.	59,623	61,853	60,465	59,117	58,340	56,405	53,855	-4.5%	-10.9%
CIVIL VIOLATIONS	14,248	15,171	14,841	15,491	15,415	15,586	15,970	2.5%	7.6%
Local District Cts: Sub Total	127,843	129,063	127,583	127,543	128,435	131,074	132,340	1.0%	3.7%
Violations Bureau-TRAFFIC INFRACT. (I	135,383	138,649	136,104	134,742	129,732	131,915	140,580	6.6%	3.3%
DISTRICT CT. TOTAL, inc. VB	263,226	267,712	263,687	262,285	258,167	262,989	272,920	3.8%	3.5%
GRAND TOTAL, All Courts	279,597	284,013	280,404	281,256	278,231	283,020	292,320	3.3%	4.2%

NOTE: This table reports only new filings -- NO post-judgment activity such as Probation Violations or Post-judgment in Family/Divorce cases

(a.) In FY'09, Cumb. County Unified Criminal Docket (UCD) cases are distributed between Cumb. Superior & Portland District based on recent caseload ratios.

(b.) FY'08: VB ended yr w/ backlog of 7,413 unentered tickets. FY'09: VB ended yr w/ backlog of 9,835 unentered law enforcement tickets. SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF THESE TICKETS ARE ALREADY REPORTED IN THE # OF FILINGS. Because there is no way to tell how many infractions have already been entered (because the defendant sent in payment prior to Law Enf's copy being submitted), this backlog # should not be added to the # of filings.